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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) System for receiving broadcast digital data comprising:
a master digital terminal, and
at least one slave digital terminal connected to the master terminal by a link and able to receive protected digital data,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said slave digital terminal can access said protected data only if information necessary for accessing said data and received by the master digital terminal is sent by way of said link to the slave digital terminal within a predetermined deadline.

2. (currently amended) System according to Claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data which is received by the master digital terminal originates from the a data broadcasting system.

3. (original) System according to Claim 2, wherein said information for accessing the data received by the master digital terminal is transformed before being sent to the slave digital terminal.

4. (currently amended) System according to [[4]] Claim 3, in which the transformation comprises a descrambling and/or deciphering of said information in the master digital terminal, the descrambling/deciphering being performed with the aid of keys received beforehand by the master digital terminal of the broadcasting system.

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5. (currently amended) System according to Claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing the protected data, which is received by the master digital terminal originates from the slave digital terminal, ~~and~~ is transformed before being resent to the slave digital terminal.

6. (currently amended) System according to Claim 5, in which the transformation comprises a descrambling ~~and/or deciphering~~ of said information in the master digital terminal, the descrambling/~~deciphering~~ being performed with the aid of keys received beforehand by the master digital terminal of the broadcasting system.

7. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the protected digital data comprise television services scrambled by keys and in which the information necessary for accessing said data belongs to the set comprising:

- a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal;
- a message containing parameters for extracting from the data stream received by the slave digital terminal a message containing access entitlements to the services for the slave digital terminal;
- a message containing partial information enabling the slave digital terminal to reconstruct its access entitlement to the services;
- a message containing keys for descrambling said protected digital data.

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8. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the predetermined deadline is counted down from the dispatching by the slave digital terminal of a message to the master digital terminal.

9. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the predetermined deadline is counted down from the dispatching by the broadcasting system of the data of a message to the master digital terminal.

10. (original) System according to Claim 1, in which the information necessary for accessing the protected data is sent from the master digital terminal to the slave digital terminal while being protected by enciphering using a key shared by the two terminals.

11. (currently amended) System according to Claim 1,
in which the master digital terminal and slave digital terminal furthermore receive from the data broadcasting system a secret code and
in which the master digital terminal sends said information necessary for accessing the data to the slave terminal only if it receives said secret code from the slave terminal within a second predetermined deadline counting from the receipt of the secret code by the master terminal.

12. (original) System according to Claim 11, in which the secret code received by the master digital terminal and by the slave digital terminal is scrambled with the aid of keys sent beforehand to said terminals by the data broadcasting system.

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13. (original) A digital terminal intended to receive protected digital data, wherein the digital terminal can access said protected data only if information necessary for accessing said data and received by another digital terminal to which it can be connected, is sent to it by this other terminal within a predetermined deadline.

14. (cancelled)

15. (new) System according to claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected data comprises a secret key.

16. (new) Digital terminal according to claim 1, wherein the information necessary for accessing said protected data comprises a secret key.